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* 191 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state whether the Government have made any representation to the Union Government for the allotment of Diesel Cars to the Southern Railways?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : No, Sir.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : May I know whether these cars were imported from Commonwealth countries and if so, the number of cars imported and the number allotted to the Southern Railways?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The Home Minister should not be expected to have all this information.

Lands affected by floods

* 195 *Q.*—SRI A. GOVINDASAMY : கனம் ரெவினியு அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தயவு செய்து பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) சிதம்பரம் வட்டம், வீராநந்தபுரம், கண்டமங்கலம், பெரிய புங்கநேரி, வில்வகுளம், நாட்டார்மங்கலம், வீராணநல்லூர் ஆகிய கிராமங்களிலுள்ள நஞ்சை நிலங்கள் ஒவ்வொரு ஆண்டும் வெள்ளத்தால் பாழாகி வருவதுபற்றி பொது மக்களிடமிருந்து மகஜர் வந்ததா ?

(ஆ) அதன் மீது சர்க்கார் எடுத்துக்கொண்ட நடவடிக்கை என்ன ?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) & (*b*) No mahazar was received from any of the villagers. However in a welcome address presented to Minister for Revenue during his visit to Kandamangalam on 3rd November 1957 by the villagers of Chinnapunganeri, hamlet of Veeranandapuram village, Chidambaram taluk, the following requests have been made :—

(i) to repair the broken calingula in Periapunganeri tank; and

(ii) to strengthen the banks of the surplus course of the tank for about a furlong.

In regard to the first request an estimate for repairing the broken calingula has been prepared and the Executive Engineer has been asked to execute the repairs expeditiously. As regards the second request the Executive Engineer has reported that the banks of the surplus course of the Periapunganeri are in a fair condition and that the main reason for the occasional breaches is due to the backing up of floods in Vettuvoikkal which takes off on the left side of the Vadavar and that a head sluice at the off-take will obviate the difficulties and regulate the supply. An estimate for the construction of the head sluice has been approved and sent to the Executive Engineer for further action.

SRI A. GOVINDASAMY : இந்த கிராமங்களில் வெள்ளக் காலங்களில் அதிகமான நீர் பிடிப்பதால், அங்கே வடிகால் கட்டித்தர வேண்டுமென்று விண்ணப்பம் கொடுத்து அரசா கத்தைக் கேட்டிருப்ப

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தாகத் தகவல் கொடுத்தார்கள். வடிகால் அமைத்துக் கொடுக்க அரசாங்கம் முயற்சிக்குமா ?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : நான் சொன்னதெல்லாம் இங்கே இந்தத் தண்ணீர் வெள்ள ஓட்டத்தினாலே நிலம் பாழாகிறது என்பது. நீர்ப்பிடிப்பு விஷயமாக கனம் அங்கத்தினர் சொல்லுவதைப் பற்றித் தனியாக எழுதிக் கொடுத்தால் அதை கவனிக்கலாம்.

Pearl fishing

* 196 Q.—SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any assistance under Technical Assistance Programme of Food and Agriculture Organization for pearl fishing at Tuticorin; and

(b) if so, what is the nature of such assistance?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : (a) & (b) Services of an Under-Water Exploration Expert for a period of five months from November 1958 have been obtained under the Technical Assistance Programme of the Food and Agriculture Organization for conducting survey of pearl and chank beds in the waters off the coast of Tuticorin. The following information is expected to be gathered by the survey—

(1) Contour and extent of each bank;

(2) Nature of the bottom of the banks;

(3) Details of fauna and flora; and

(4) Hydrographical conditions.

Officers of the National Water-Supply Scheme in Tirunelveli

* 198 Q.—SRI M. S. SELVARAJAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether any complaints of corruption and negligence of duty against the officers of National Water-Supply Scheme in Tirunelveli district have been received from the Tirunelveli Taluk Congress Committee in 1957; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (a) Yes, Sir. A complaint was received in March 1958.

(b) The matter is under enquiry.

*Industrial-*cum*-Training Centre, Udaiyarpalayam*

* 199 Q.—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to start any Industrial-*cum*-Training Centre in Udaiyarpalayam taluk, Tiruchirappalli district?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : No, Sir.